



Fremont County

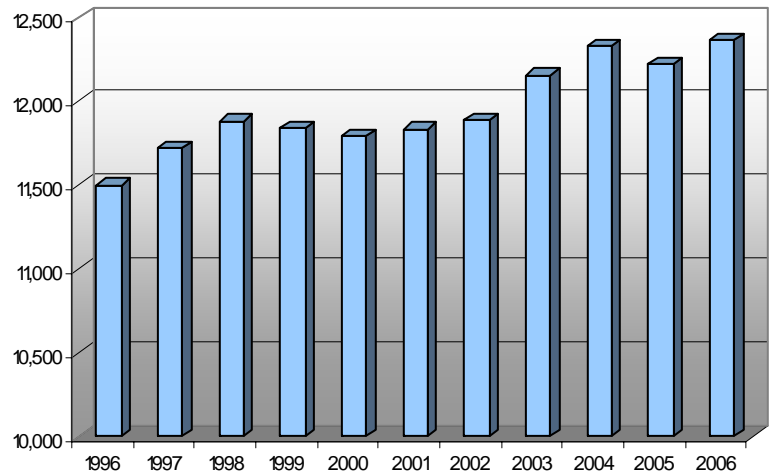
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Work Force Trends

Population

Over the decade, Fremont County has grown by 867 people. Population increases in the mid-1990s slowed and turned into slight declines in the run-up to the national recession before resuming in 2000. From 2000 to 2004, the county saw a steady growth of 528 people – the largest one year jump was nearly 300 in 2003 – before posting a decline of 78 in 2005. However, the county rebounded again with a growth of 145 people from 2005 to 2006. The lowest point in the decade was in 1996 at 11,502 people. The county is ranked 24th in the state in population. Concentrated economic development and the change from the two-year Ricks College to the four-year Brigham Young University–Idaho in neighboring Madison County are expected to contribute to continued future growth.

The current population count is 12,369.



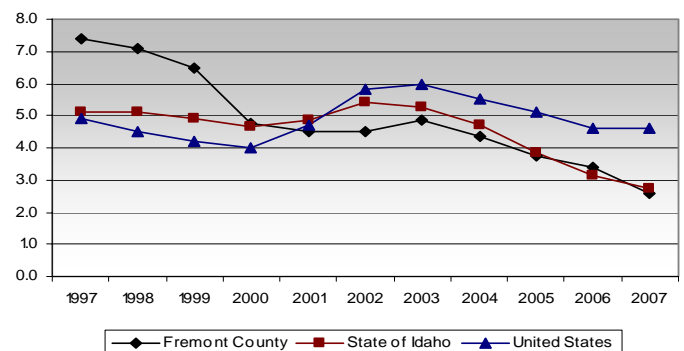
Labor Force & Employment

Fremont County, bordering both Montana and Wyoming, has three significant cities located on Highway 20, which is heavily traveled by tourists passing by to such destinations as Yellowstone National Park, Henry's Lake and Harriman State Park. Although the county attracts many locals to its natural recreational areas, the county is working diligently to attract national and international tourists traveling through the area.

The closure of a sawmill in the 1980s and the closure of a U.S. Forest Service office to nearby Idaho Falls several years ago hurt the county's economy. Although it's been difficult trying to rebound, the last few years have proved successful as several businesses found interest or expanded their existing business in the area and an economic development specialist was hired to promote business expansion and relocation.

Since 1996, the unemployment rate has dropped 4.3 percentage points with the 2006 rate the lowest in the decade. The civilian labor force, workers at least 16 years old

Unemployment Rates



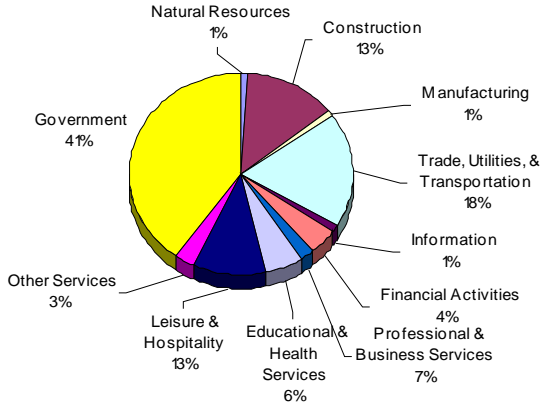
who are neither institutionalized nor in the military, grew by 1,424 over the decade.

As noted in the pie chart on the second page, government offers the most nonfarm payroll jobs because the state Juvenile Correction Center is located there. Besides the other local and state government jobs, federal and state government together own 70 percent of the land so land management agencies employ many workers. Trade, leisure and hospitality and construction also represent large percentages of the county's jobs.

Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	6,764	6,786
Total Employment	6,576	6,482
Unemployed	189	304
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.8	4.5
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	4,895	4,956	4,817	5,689	5,879	5,870	5,703	5,897	6,041	5,975	6,464
Unemployment	361	352	313	272	264	265	278	256	227	203	167
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.4	7.1	6.5	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.4	2.6
Employment	4,534	4,604	4,504	5,418	5,615	5,605	5,425	5,641	5,814	5,772	6,297

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home
B M Tibbitts & Sons, Inc.
Fall River Rural Electric Coop Inc.
Fremont County
Fremont County Joint School District #215
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Walters Produce, Inc.

Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Average employment by covered employers increased 350 over the decade with the majority of new workers in construction, government and health. Overall, annual average wages increased \$7,195 over the decade. Average wages more than doubled over the decade in professional and business services while education and health services and construction saw large increases. Although quite a bit lower than the state or national averages, per capita income increased 33.3 percent over the decade and should continue to grow.

Occupation Wages*	Average Wage
Agricultural Workers	\$8.56
Cashiers	\$7.47
Computer Support Specialists	\$17.15
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$12.38
Customer Service Reps	\$11.61
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$12.12
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$6.80
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$6.66
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	\$8.92
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$9.00
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.32
Secretaries & Administrative Asst	\$12.29
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$21.82

* Wages represent 15 counties in eastern Idaho. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,785	\$18,674	2,939	\$25,769	2,994	\$26,249
Agriculture	499	\$14,378	281	\$19,454	290	\$20,142
Mining	*	*	5	\$24,989	*	*
Construction	136	\$17,415	310	\$24,905	360	\$28,875
Manufacturing	38	\$16,676	48	\$19,725	38	\$21,881
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	533	\$20,302	481	\$27,385	512	\$27,280
Information	31	\$31,960	36	\$25,214	31	\$25,376
Financial Activities	45	\$20,515	92	\$29,979	112	\$33,370
Professional and Business Services	58	\$13,373	111	\$36,370	51	\$23,343
Educational and Health Services	130	\$16,702	180	\$23,812	163	\$24,320
Leisure and Hospitality	308	\$8,233	293	\$9,832	293	\$10,837
Other Services	29	\$16,837	59	\$18,757	68	\$19,459
Government	974	\$23,687	1,044	\$30,985	1,069	\$31,064

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Fremont County	\$15,811	\$16,403	\$16,942	\$18,074	\$18,632	\$19,840	\$18,474	\$19,888	\$20,495	\$21,959
State of Idaho	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
United States	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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